Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. Following this, a meeting of the Chief Minister of their States was held on 8-1-1986 at Patna for further follow up action.

Retirement of corrupt bank officials

197. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officers and other staff members who have been retired on grounds of inefficiency or because of doubtful integrity during the last one year bank-wise; and

(b) what more steps are being taken against bank officers found to be inefficient or corrupt, so that the banking system improved its efficiency, performance and profitability with greater public confidence in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The available bank-wise information in respect of number of officers and other staff members who have been retired in 1985 on grounds of inefficiency and doubtful integrity is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) Prosecution of bank officials suspected of corrupt activities including conspiracy to defraud the banks, forgery, cheating, grant of undue favours to private firms/parties, accumulation of properties disproportionate to known sources of income, etc. is undertaken by the CBI. The Banks also take disciplinary action, including suspension, against any officers found to be corrupt, as well as, for dereliction of duty by the officers. The Officers against whom cases of corruption are pending are not retained in sensitive posts.

Action under regulation 20 of the officers service regulations is also taken to terminate the services of the inefficient and the corrupt.

Statement

Review and Retirement of Officers under Regulation 19(1) *of Officers Service Regulation of the Nationalised Banks and SBI Associates and para* 19(1) *of the Officers (Determination of Terms and Conditions of Service) Order* 1979 *of State Bank of India and of Award Staff under Para* 522 *of Sastry Award* (1985)

Name of the Bank	Officers	Clerks	Sub-staff
1. State Bank of India	43	4*	—
2. State Bank of Hyderabad	4	N.A.	N.A.
3. State Bank of Indore	13	—	N.A.
4. State Bank of B & J	3	—	—
5. State Bank of Mysore	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
6. State Bank of Patiala	5	—	—
7. State Bank of Saurashtra	2	—	—
8. State Bank of Travancore	—	—	—

*Includes both clerks and sub-staff.

NOTE : The figures are provisional.

Name of the Bank	Officers	Clerks	Sub-staff
9. Central Bank of India	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
10. Bank of India	—	—	—
11. Punjab National Bank	—	—	—
12. Bank of Baroda	16	—	—
13. United Commercial Bank	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
14. Canara Bank	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
15. United Bank of India	—	—	—
16. Dena Bank	—	—	—
17. Syndicate Bank	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
18. Union Bank of India	—	—	—
19. Allahabad Bank	—	—	—
20. Indian Bank	—	—	—
21. Bank of Maharashtra	—	—	—
22. Indian Overseas Bank	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
23. Andhra Bank	—	—	—
24. Punjab & Sind Bank	1	—	—
25. New Bank of India	—	—	—
26. Vijaya Bank	—	—	—
27. Corporation Bank	—	—	—
28. Oriental Bank of Commerce	—	—	—
TOTAL	87	4	—

Income tax raid on beverage manufacturers

198. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Income tax authorities had recently raided and detected tax evasion by a leading beverage manufacturer in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of raids conducted by the Income Tax authorities during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Income-tax Department have not conducted any search recently in the case of any leading beverage manufacturer in the country. However, searches were conducted by Enforcement Directorate on 9-7-1985 in United Breweries Group of cases and Incometax Department was also associated with these searches. During these searches, Income-tax Department seized jewellery worth Rs. 9.35 lakhs approximately from the residential premises of Shri Vijai Mallya, Chairman of M/s. United Breweries.